

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for re-formatting computer files, comprising the steps:

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inputting a data file into a computer;

~~determining using said computer to determine~~ if the data file is compatible with the computer or applications which exist on the computer;

~~if the data file is not compatible with the computer, transmitting the data file over the Internet from said computer to a universal server; and~~

~~the universal server, transforming the data file into a format compatible with the computer, and sending the transformed data file back to the computer.~~

Claim 2 (Original): A method according to Claim 1, wherein the transforming step includes the steps of, the universal server identifying the type of file, and transforming the file into a different format of the same type.

Claim 3 (Original): A method according to Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

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a user of the computer identifying user requirements; and

transmitting the user requirements to the universal server; and wherein

the transforming step includes the step of re-formatting the file in accordance with the user requirements.

Claim 4 (Original): A method according to Claim 1, wherein, when data needs to be converted, the data are sent to a universal conversion server; the universal conversion server checks user requirements; if the universal conversion server finds that the service cannot convert a certain file, the service looks in a computer description; the computer description can be located on the computer or on a universal conversion server database.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A method according to Claim 1, wherein, when a computer's operating system is not compatible with a program, the program is sent to a Universal Driver where the program is to be formatted; when being formatted, the program is looked over to identify components of the program including links to the program source code, the program's executable code, the program's file name; entering data to a database of source codes, where many source codes are held; and if the same name exists among more than one program in the database, the Universal Server UCS reads the information from the a description module.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A method according to Claim 1, wherein the data file gets converted from one application format or version into another

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Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A universal program conversion method, comprising the steps:

entering data into the a computer (~~either from the user or from network~~);

said computer checking to determine whether the data format of the data is compatible with ~~the~~  
an operating system(OS) in the computer;

if the format is not compatible, sending the data from the computer to a Universal Driver;

on the Universal Driver, reformatting the data into a format compatible to the OS (~~for example,~~  
~~audio data can be formatted from OS in Apple to OS in Intel~~);

after the reformatting step, sending the data to a universal formatting server, ~~since even data that~~  
~~are compatible with the user's OS still needs to be converted to the a~~ format suitable for the user  
(~~e.g., word processing format from WordPro to MSWord~~);

if it is determined that the data are compatible with the operating system, then checking to  
determine whether it is necessary to reformat the data;

if the data do not need to be reformatted, processing the data as the user requests; and otherwise,  
sending the data to the universal server; and this server checking whether the data are  
executables — i.e., ~~programs that were obtained after compilation~~; if the data are executables,

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then checking the Universal Driver to determine whether the data can be formatted on the Universal Driver; if the data can be so formatted, then formatting the data at the Universal Driver; and then sending the formatted data to the user; if the data can not be formatted at the Universal Driver, then checking to determine if the source code exists on a storage of source code; if the source code exists, then recompiling the data in a new OS, and then sending the data to the user; checking for instructions to format data; after the checking step, formatting the data are formatted according to the instructions, and then sending the data to the user.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A system for re-formatting computer files, comprising:

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a computer having input means for receiving a data file;

said computer including means for determining if the data file is compatible with the computer;

a universal server for reformatting data; and

means for transmitting the data file over the Internet from said computer to the universal server, if the data file is not compatible with the computer; and

wherein the universal server includes means for transforming the data file into a format compatible with the computer, and means for sending the transformed data file back to the computer.

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Claim 9 (Original): A system according to Claim 8, wherein the transforming means includes means for identifying the type of file, and for transforming the file into a different format of the same type.

Claim 10 (Original): A system according to Claim 8, wherein a user of the computer identifying user requirements; and the system further comprises:

means for transmitting the user requirements to the universal server; and wherein

the transforming means includes means for re-formatting the file in accordance with the user requirements.

Claim 11 (Original): A system according to Claim 8, wherein, when data needs to be converted, the data are sent to a universal conversion server; the universal conversion server checks user requirements; if the universal conversion server finds that the service cannot convert a certain file, the service looks in a computer description; the computer description can be located on the computer or on a universal conversion server database.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for re-formatting computer files, the method steps comprising:

inputting a data file into a computer;

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~~determining using said computer to determine~~ if the data file is compatible with the computer;

if the data file is not compatible with the computer, transmitting the data file over the Internet  
from the computer to a universal server; and

the universal server, transforming the data file into a format compatible with the computer, and  
sending the transformed data file back to the computer.

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Claim 13 (Original): A program storage device according to Claim 12, wherein the transforming  
step includes the steps of, the universal server identifying the type of file, and transforming the  
file into a different format of the same type.

Claim 14 (Original): A program storage device according to Claim 12, further comprising the  
steps of:

a user of the computer identifying user requirements; and

transmitting the user requirements to the universal server; and wherein

the transforming step includes the step of re-formatting the file in accordance with the user  
requirements.

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Claim 15 (Original): A program storage device according to Claim 12, wherein, when data needs to be converted, the data are sent to a universal conversion server; the universal conversion server checks user requirements; if the universal conversion server finds that the service cannot convert a certain file, the service looks in a computer description; the computer description can be located on the computer or on a universal conversion server database.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A program storage device according to Claim 12, wherein, when a computer's operating system is not compatible with a program, the program is sent to a Universal Driver where the program is to be formatted; when being formatted, the program is looked over to identify components of the program including links to the program source code, the program's executable code, the program's file name; entering data to a database of source codes, where many source codes are held; and if the same name exists among more than one program, then the UCS Universal Server reads the information from the description module.